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001 Other Crop Seeds. Different varieties of the same kind of seed, when present in quantities of less than five percent, will be considered as "other crop seed."

002 Grower Declaration. No agricultural, vegetable, or flower seed which is incapable of being identified by common seed characteristic or which is incorrectly represented as to kind, variety or origin may be sold unless said seed is accompanied by invoice, grower's declaration or suitable labeling information which will insure the identity to be stated. The grower's declaration, if used, shall be of a form to show the above information.

003 Label Requirements. All required labels shall be so attached to be clearly discernable, and securely fastened to the container or printed directly thereon, provided however, labels may be used for labeling if they are securely attached to the bag, box or container and when in place, are visible.

003.01 Label forms for agricultural, vegetable, and flower seed.

003.01A The form of label for agricultural seeds, including lawn and turf seeds, shall show the necessary information as stated in the Nebraska Seed Law, such as:

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Name of labeler
Address
Lot No.
Variety (or variety not stated) or hybrid
Kind
Pure Seed %
Crop Seed %
Inert Matter %
Coating material % (for seeds that are coated)
Weed Seed %
Germination %
Hard Seed % (for legumes and may be shown if present)
Dormant Seed % (may be shown if present)
Total Germ & Dormant Seed % (may be shown if present)
Total Germ & Hard Seed % (for legumes and may be shown if present)
Name and rate of occurrence of restricted noxious weed seed per pound
TZ Viability % (used only for grasses listed in section 81-2,147.02(2)(i))
Date tested or date of expiration (for lawn and turf seed)
Date inoculant expires (use only on pre-inoculated legumes)
Origin
Pure Live Seed (PLS) %

003.01B The form of label for vegetable seeds shall show the necessary information as stated in the Nebraska Seed Law, such as:

Name of labeler
Address
Lot number
Variety
Kind
Packed for (year)
Germination % (for seeds that germinate less than the standard and for those seeds packaged in containers other than prepared for home use)
Hard Seed % (if present for seeds that germinate less than the standard and for those seeds packaged in containers other than prepared for home use)
Date tested (for seeds that germinate less than the standard and for those seeds packaged in containers other than prepared for home use)

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The words "Below Standard" (for seeds that
germinate less than the standard)
Minimum number of seeds (for seeds placed in a
medium, mat, tape, or other device)
Name and rate of occurrence of restricted
noxious weed seed

003.01C The form of label for flower seeds and
wildflower seeds shall show the necessary
information as stated in the Nebraska Seed Law, such
as:

003.01C(1) Label information for all flower
seeds and wildflower seeds.

Name of labeler
Address
Kind
Variety or statement of type and
performance characteristics
Packed for (year)
Germination % (for seeds that germinate
less than the standard)
The words "Below Standard" (for seeds that
germinate less than the standard)
Minimum number of seeds (for seeds placed
in a medium, mat, tape, or other device)

003.01C(2) Additional label information
required for seeds in containers other than
packets for home use:

Pure seed %
Lot number
Weed seed %
Name and rate of occurrence of restricted
noxious weed seed
Test date
Germination %
Hard seed % (if present)

003.02 All agricultural, vegetable, or flower seed which
has been treated with any substance which is harmful in
the quantity remaining in the seed after treatment, to
humans or to vertebrate animals, shall be labeled or
tagged with a caution statement in eight point type or
larger in the following manner:

CAUTION -- TREATED SEED
DO NOT USE FOR FOOD, FEED OR OIL
PURPOSES

003.03 All agricultural and vegetable seed treated with mercurial or similarly toxic substance, shall include in red letters on a background of distinctly contrasting color a statement, such as "This seed has been treated with POISON," "Treated with POISON," "POISON treated," or "POISON." The word "POISON," shall appear in type no smaller than eight-point type, and shall bear a skull and crossbones. Substances considered similar in toxicity to mercurials shall be those with an oral LD₅₀ up to and including 50 mg/kg, an inhalation LD₅₀ up to and including .2 mg/liter, or a dermal LD₅₀ up to and including 200 mg/kg.

003.04 The caution and process statements may be placed upon the kind, variety and germination tag or upon the manufacturer's tag if adequate space permits. All labeling and tags required to contain the caution and process information of this paragraph shall be approved as to form and content by the Department and copies of the Department approval shall be available at all times to inspectors upon request.

003.05 Disclaimers, nonwarranties or limited warranties may be printed or stenciled to all tags, labels, invoices or other required labeling provided they do not represent direct or indirect modifications or denials of caution and process statements and provided further that they do not render the required information thereon difficult to read by overprint, crowding or print style which distracts from the required labeling information.

003.06 The requirements of section 81-2,147.02(7)(a)(i) and (8)(a) of the Nebraska Seed Law which specify that flower seeds shall be labeled with the name of the kind and variety or a statement of type and performance characteristics as prescribed in these regulations shall be met as follows:

003.06A Seeds of plants grown primarily for their blooms shall be labeled as follows:

003.06A(1) Seeds of a single named variety shall be labeled by the kind and variety, for example "Marigold, Butterball."

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003.06A(2) Seeds of a single type and color for which there is no specific variety name shall be labeled by the type of plant and, if significant, the type and color of bloom, for example "Scabiosa, Tall, Large Flowered, Double, Pink."

003.06A(3) Seeds of an assortment or mixture of colors or varieties of a single kind shall be labeled by the kind name and the type of plant and, if significant, by the type or types of bloom. In addition, it shall be clearly labeled as either mixed or assorted, for example "Marigold, Dwarf Double French, Mixed Colors."

003.06B Seeds consisting of an assortment or mixture of kinds or kinds and varieties shall be clearly labeled that the seed is assorted or mixed and the specific use of the assortment or mixture shall be indicated, for example "Cut Flower Mixture," or "Rock Garden Mixture." Such statements as "General Purpose Mixture" or "Wonder Mixture" or any other statement which fails to indicate the specific use of the seed shall not be considered as meeting the requirements of this provision.

003.06C Containers that have more than 3 grams of seed shall list the kind or kind and variety of each component that is more than 5.0% of the total content by weight in the order of its predominance and shall list the percentage by weight of each component. Components of 5.0% or less shall be listed, but need not be in order of predominance. A single percentage, by weight, shall be given for these components. If no component of a mixture is more than 5% of the total content, the statement "No component in excess of 5%" may be used. Containers that have 3 grams of seed or less shall list the components without giving the percentage by weight. Such listing need not be in order of predominance.

003.07 The kinds of flower seeds listed in 004.02 are those for which standard testing procedures have been prescribed and which are required to be labeled in accordance with the germination labeling provisions of section 81-2,147.02(7)(b) and (8)(h) of the Nebraska Seed Law and these regulations.

004 Germination Standards for Vegetable and Flower Seeds.

004.01 The minimum allowable germination standards for vegetable or garden seeds, including hard seeds, as prescribed in section 81-2,147.02(5), shall be as follows:

<u>Kind</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Kind</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Artichoke	60	Dandelion	60
Asparagus	70	Eggplant	60
Asparagusbean	75	Endive	70
Bean, garden	70	Kale	75
Bean, lima	70	Kale, Chinese	75
Bean, runner	75	Kohlrabi	75
Beet	65	Leak	60
Broadbean	75	Lettuce	80
Broccoli	75	Muskmelon	75
Brussel sprouts	70	Mustard, India	75
Burdock, great	60	Mustard, spinach	75
Cabbage	75	Okra	50
Cabbage, tronchuda	75	Onion	70
Cantaloupe (see muskmelon)		Onion, Welsh	70
Cardoon	60	Pak-choi	75
Carrot	55	Parsley	60
Cauliflower	75	Parsnip	60
Celeriac	55	Pea	80
Celery	55	Pepper	55
Chard, Swiss	65	Pumpkin	75
Chicory	65	Radish	75
Chinese cabbage	75	Rhubarb	60
Chives	50	Rutabaga	75
Citron	65	Salsify	75
Collards	80	Sorrel	65
Corn, sweet	75	Soybean	75
Cornsalad	70	Spinach	60
Cowpea	75	Spinach, New Zealand	60
Cress, garden	75	Squash	75
Cress, upland	60	Tomato	75
Cress, water	40	Tomato, husk	50
Cucumber	80	Turnip	80
		Watermelon	70
		All other kinds	50

004.02 The minimum allowable germination standards for flower seeds, as prescribed in section 81-2,147.02(7) and (8) shall be as listed below. For the kinds of seeds marked with an asterisk (*), the percentage is the total of percentage germination and percentage of hard or

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dormant seed. A mixture of kinds of flower seeds shall be considered to be below standard if the germination of any kind or combination of kinds that constitutes twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the mixture, by number, is below standard for the kind or kinds involved.

<u>Kind</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Achillea (The Pearl) - Achillea ptarmica	50
Adams needle - Yucca filamentosa	50
African daisy - Dimorphoteca aurantiaca	55
African lilac daisy - Arctotis stoechadifolia	50
African violet - Saintpaulia species	30
Ageratum - Ageratum mexicanum	60
Agrostemma (rose campion) - Agrostemma coronaria	65
Alyssum - Alyssum compactum, A. maritimum, A. procumbens, A. saxatile	60
Amaranthus - Amaranthus species	65
Anagalis (pimpernel) - Anagalis arvensis, Anagalis coerulia, Anagalis grandiflora	60
Anchusa - Two genera species: Cape bugloss - Anchusa capensis Italian bugloss - Anchusa azura Forget-me-not - Brunnera macrophylla	50
Anemone - Anemone coronaria, A. pulsatilla	55
Angel's trumpet - Datura arborea	60
Arabis - Arabis alpina	60
Arctotis (African lilac daisy) - Arctotis grandis	45
Armeria - Armeria formosa	55
Asparagus, fern - Asparagus plumosus	50
Asparagus, sprenger - Asparagus sprengeri	55
Aster, China - Callistephus chinensis; except pompom, Powderpuff, and Princess types	55
Aubrieta - Aubrieta deltoides	45
Baby smilax - Asparagus asparagoides	25
Balloonvine - Cardiospermum halicacebum	50
Balsam - Impatiens balsamina	70
Beach evening primrose - Camissonia cheiranthifolia (oenothera cheiranthifolia)	50
Begonia - (Begonia fibrous rooted)	60
Begonia - (Begonia tuberous rooted)	50
Bells of Ireland - Molucella laevis	60
Bellflower (Bluebells of Scotland) - Campanula rotundifolia	50
Bergamot - Monarda species	50
Black-eyed Susan - Rudbeckia hirta	50
Brachycome (Swan river daisy) - Brachycome iberidifolia	60
Bupthalam (sunwheel) - Bupthalam salicifolium	60
Buttercup - Ranunculus species	50

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Butterfly milkweed - <i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	50
Cactus - Cactaceae	50
Calceolaria - <i>Calceolaria</i> species	60
Calendula - <i>Calendula officinalis</i>	65
Californica poppy - <i>Eschscholtzia californica</i> . . .	60
Calliopsis - <i>Coreopsis bicolor</i> , <i>C. Drummondii</i> , <i>C. elegans</i>	65
Camomile, golden - <i>Anthemis tinctoria</i>	50
Camomile, St. John's - <i>Anthemis sancti - johannis</i>	50
Campanula:	
Canterbury bells - <i>Campanula medium</i>	60
Cup and saucer bellflower - <i>Campanula medium</i> <i>calycanthema</i>	60
Carpathian bellflower - <i>Campanula carpatica</i> . .	50
Peach bellflower - <i>Campanula persicifolia</i> . . .	50
Campion, clammy - <i>Lychnis viscaria</i>	50
Candytuft, annual - <i>Iberis gibraltaria</i> , <i>I.</i> <i>umbellata</i>	65
Candytuft, perennial - <i>Iberis amara</i> , <i>I.</i> <i>sempervirens</i>	55
*Castor bean - <i>Ricinus communis</i>	60
Cathedral bells - <i>Cobaea scandens</i>	65
Celosia - <i>Celosia argentea</i>	65
Centaurea:	
Basket flower - <i>Centaurea americana</i>	
Cornflower - <i>C. cyanus</i>	
Dusty Miller - <i>C. Candidissima</i>	
Royal centaurea - <i>C. imperialis</i>	
Sweet sultan - <i>C. moschata</i>	
Velvet centaurea - <i>C. gymnocarpa</i>	60
Cerastium (snow-in-summer) <i>Cerastium biebersteini</i> and <i>C. tomentosum</i>	65
Chinese forget-me-not - <i>Cynoglossum amabile</i> . . .	55
Chinese Houses - <i>Collinsia heterophylla</i>	50
Chrysanthemum, annual - <i>Chrysanthemum carinatum</i> , <i>C. coronarium</i> , <i>C. segetum</i>	40
Cineraria - <i>Senecio cruentus</i>	60
Clarkia - <i>Clarkia elegans</i>	65
Cleome - <i>Cleome gigantea</i>	65
Coleus - <i>Coleus blumei</i>	65
Columbine - <i>Aquilegia species</i>	50
Coral bells - <i>Heuchera sanguinea</i>	55
Coreopsis, perennial - <i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i> . . .	40
Corn, ornamental - <i>Zea mays</i>	75
Cosmos:	
Sensation, mammoth, and crested types - <i>Cosmos bipinnatus</i> Klondyke type - <i>C. sulphureus</i>	65
Crossandra - <i>Crossandra infundibuliformis</i>	50
Cyclamen - <i>Cyclamen africanum</i>	50
Dahlia - <i>Dahlia species</i>	55

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Dames rocket - <i>Hesperis matronalis</i>	50
Daylily - <i>Hemerocallis</i> species	45
Delphinium, perennial:	
Belladonna and bellamosum types	
Cardinal larkspur - <i>Delphinium cardinale</i>	
Chinensis types	
Pacific giant, gold medal and other hybrids	
of <i>D. elatum</i>	55
Devils claws - <i>Proboscidea louisianica</i>	50
Dianthus:	
Carnation - <i>Dianthus caryophyllus</i>	60
China pinks - <i>Dianthus chinensis</i> , heddewigi,	
heddensis	70
Grass pinks - <i>Dianthus plumarius</i>	60
Maiden pinks - <i>Dianthus deltoides</i>	60
Sweet William - <i>Dianthus barbatus</i>	70
Sweet Wivelsfield - <i>Dianthus allwoodi</i>	60
Didiscus - (blue lace flower) - <i>Didiscus coerulea</i>	65
Dittany - <i>Dictamnus albus</i>	50
Doronicum (leopard's bane) - <i>Doronicum caucasicum</i>	60
Dracaena - <i>Dracaena indivisa</i>	55
Dragon tree - <i>Dracaena draco</i>	40
Edelweiss - <i>Leontopodium alpinum</i>	50
English daisy - <i>Bellis perennis</i>	55
Euphorbia, painted - <i>Euphorbia heterophylla</i>	50
Evening primrose - <i>Oenothera biennis</i> ;	
<i>O. argillicola</i>	50
Everlasting pea - <i>Lathyrus latifolius</i>	50
Flame violet - <i>Episcia</i> species	50
Flax:	
Golden flax, <i>Linum flavum</i>	
Flowering flax, <i>L. grandiflorum</i>	
Perennial flax, <i>L. perenne</i>	60
Fleece flower - <i>Polygonum capitatum</i>	50
Flowering maple - <i>Abutilon</i> species	35
Foxglove - <i>Digitalis</i> species	60
Fuschia - <i>Fuschia</i> species	50
Gaillardia:	
Annual - <i>Gaillardia pulchella</i> , <i>G. picta</i>	
Perennial - <i>G. grandiflora</i>	45
Gasplant - <i>Distamus albus</i>	50
Gayfeather (blazing star) - <i>Liatris</i> species	50
Gazania, pied - <i>Gazania rigens</i>	50
Geranium - <i>Geranium</i> species	50
Gerbera (transvaal daisy) - <i>Gerbera jamesoni</i>	60
German violet - <i>Exacum affine</i>	50
Geum - <i>Geum</i> species	55
Gilia - <i>Gilia</i> species	65
Gladiolus - <i>Gladiolus</i> species	50
Globe amaranth - <i>Gomphrena globosa</i>	50

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Globethistle, small - <i>Echinops ritro</i>	50
Gloriosa daisy (<i>rudbeckia</i>) - <i>Echinacea purpurea</i> and <i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	60
Gloxinia - <i>Sinningia speciosa</i>	40
Godetia - <i>Godetia amoena</i> , <i>G. grandiflora</i>	65
Goldmoss sedum - <i>Sedum acre</i>	50
Gourds:	
Yellow flowered - <i>Cucurbita pepo</i>	
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Dishcloth - <i>Luffa cylindrica</i>	70
Gypsophila:	
Annual baby's breath - <i>Gypsophila elegans</i>	
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Helenium - <i>Helenium autumnale</i>	40
Helichrysum (strawflower) - <i>Helichrysum</i> <i>bracteatum</i>	60
Heliopsis - <i>Heliopsis scabra</i>	55
Heliotrope - <i>Heliotropium species</i>	35
Helipterum (<i>acroclinium</i>) - <i>Helipterum roseum</i>	60
Hens and chickens - <i>Sempervivum species</i>	50
Herb treemallow - <i>Lavatera trimestris</i>	50
Hesperis (sweet rocket) - <i>Hesperis matronalis</i>	65
Hibiscus - <i>Hibiscus species</i>	60
*Hollyhock - <i>Althea rosea</i>	65
Hunnemania (Mexican tulip poppy) - <i>Hunnemania</i> <i>fumariaefolia</i>	60
*Hyacinth bean - <i>Lablab purpureus</i>	70
Impatiens - <i>Impatiens holstii</i> , <i>I. sultani</i>	55
*Ipomea:	
Cypress vine - <i>Ipomea guamoclit</i>	
Moonflower - <i>I. noctiflora</i>	
Morning glories, cardinal climber, hearts and honey vine - <i>Ipomea species</i>	75
Japanese Iris - <i>Iris kaempferi</i>	50
Jasmine primrose - <i>Oenothera pallida</i>	50
Jerusalem cross (maltese cross) - <i>Lychnis</i> <i>chalcedonica</i>	70
Job's tears - <i>Coix lacrymajobi</i>	70
Jupiter's beard - <i>Centranthus ruber</i>	50
Kalanchoe - <i>Kalanchoe blossfeldiana</i>	50
Kochia - <i>Kochia childsi</i>	55
Larkspur, annual - <i>Delphinium ajacis</i>	60
Lamb's ear - <i>Stachys byzantina</i>	50
Lantana - <i>Lantana camara</i> , <i>L. hybrida</i>	35
Lemon mint - <i>Monarda citriodora</i>	50
Lilium (regal lily) - <i>Lilium regale</i>	50
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Nemesia - <i>Nemesia</i> species	65
Nemophila - <i>Nemophila insignis</i>	70
Nemophila, spotted - <i>Nemophila maculata</i>	60
New England aster - <i>Aster novae-angliae</i>	50
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Nierembergia - <i>Nierembergia</i> species	55
Nigella - <i>Nigella damascena</i>	55
Oregon fleabane - <i>Erigeron speciosus</i>	50
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Pearlwort - <i>Sagina sabulata</i>	50
Pearly everlasting - <i>Anaphalis margaritacea</i> . . .	50
Penstemon - <i>Penstemon barbatus</i> , <i>P. grandiflorus</i> , <i>P. laevigatus</i> , <i>P. pubescens</i>	60
Peppermint - <i>Mentha piperita</i>	50
Periwinkle - <i>Catharanthus roseus</i>	50
Petunia - <i>Petunia</i> species	45
Phacelia - <i>Phacelia campanularia</i> , <i>P. minor</i> , <i>P. tanacetifolia</i>	65
Phlox, annual - <i>Phlox drummondii</i> all types and varieties	55
Physalis - <i>Physalis</i> species	60
Platycodon (balloon flower) - <i>Platycodon</i> <i>grandiflorum</i>	60
Plumbago, cape - <i>Plumbago capensis</i>	50
Polka-dot plant - <i>Hypoestes phyllostachya</i>	50
Ponytail - <i>Beaucarnea recurvata</i>	40
Poppy:	
Shirley poppy - <i>Papaver rhoeas</i>	
Iceland poppy - <i>P. nudicaule</i>	
Orientale poppy - <i>P. orientale</i>	
Tulip poppy - <i>P. glaucum</i>	60
Portulaca - <i>Portulaca grandiflora</i>	55
Prairie coneflower - <i>Ratibida columnifera</i>	50
Prairie gentian - <i>Eustoma grandiflorum</i>	50

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Primula (primrose) - Primula species	50
Purple coneflower - Echinacea purpurea	50
Pyrethrum (painted daisy) - Pyrethrum coccineum	60
Rock rose - Helianthemum nummularium	50
Rose champion - Lynchnis coronaria	50
Salpiglossis - Salpiglossis gloxinaeflora, S. sinuata	60
Salvia:	
Scarlet sage - Salvia splendens	
Mealycup sage (blue bedder) - Salvia farinacea	50
Saponaria - Saponaria ocymoides, S. vaccaria	60
Scabiosa, annual - Scabiosa atropurpurea	50
Scabiosa, perennial - Scabiosa caucasica	40
Schizanthus - Schizanthus species	60
*Sensitive plant (mimosa) - Mimosa pudica	65
Shasta daisy - Chrysanthemum maximum, C. leucanthemum	65
Silk oak - Grevillea robusta	25
Snapdragon - Antirrhinum species	55
Snow-on-the-mountain - Euphorbia marginata	50
Solanum - Solanum species	60
Speedwell, Hungarian - Veronica austriaca	50
Speedwell, spike - Veronica spicata	50
Spiderflower - Cleome hasslerana	50
Statice - Statice sinuata, S. suworonii (flower heads)	50
Stocks:	
Common - Mathiola incana	
Evening scented, Mathiola bicornis	65
Sunflower - Helianthus species	70
Sunflower, Inula - Inula grandiflora	50
Sunrose - Helianthemum species	30
Swan river daisy - Brachycome iberidifolia	50
*Sweet pea, annual and perennial other than dwarf bush - Lathyrus odoratus, L. latifolius	75
*Sweet pea, dwarf bush - Lathyrus odoratus	65
Sweet sultan - Amberboa moschata	50
Sweet William catchfly - Silene armeria	50
Tahoka daisy - Machaeanthera tanacetifolia	60
Tansy - Tanacetum vulgare	50
Texas bluebonnet - Lupinus subcarnosus	50
Thunbergia - Thunbergia alata	60
Tidy tips daisy - Layia platyglossa	50
Tiger monkeyflower - Mimulus hybrids	50
Torch flower - Tithonia speciosa	70
Torenia (wishbone flower) - Torenia fournieri	70
Transvaal daisy - Gerbera jamesoni	50
Tritoma (torch lily) - Kniphofia species	65
Unicorn plant - Proboscidea louisianica	50
Verbena, annual - Verbena hybrida	35

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Vinca - Vinca rosea	60
Viola - Viola cornuta	55
Virginian stocks - Malcolmia maritime	65
Wallflower - Cheiranthus allioni;	
Erysimum x allionii	65
Willowleaf oxeye - Buphtalmum salicifolium	50
Wooly marigold - Baileya multiradiata	50
Yarrow - Achillea millefolium	50
Yucca (Adam's needle) - Yucca filamentosa	50
Zinnia (except Linearis and creeping) -	
Zinnia angustifolia, Z. elegans, Z. grandiflora,	
Z. gracillima, Z. haegeana, Z. multiflora,	
Z. pumila	65
Zinnia, Linearis and creeping - Zinnia Linearis,	
San vitalia procumbens	50
All other kinds	50

005 Time Period for Germination Tests.

005.01 New germination tests on all agricultural, vegetable, or flower seed shall be obtained on carry-over seed each nine months, except for those seeds as listed in 005.02 which shall be tested each twelve months, and hermetically sealed seed which shall be retested for germination after thirty-six months. For purpose of enforcement of this regulation, the date of the germination test on the label or tag shall be binding upon any person in possession of agricultural or vegetable seed. Following retesting, all seed shall be relabeled to reflect the new germination tests of the seed. The following information shall appear on a label for relabeling seeds in their original containers: (a) the calendar month and year the test was completed to determine such percentage; (b) the same lot designation as on the original labels; (c) the identity of the labeling person if such person is different from the original labeler.

005.02 The following kinds of agricultural seed may be sold within a 12-month period, exclusive of the calendar month in which the germination test was completed as prescribed in section 81-2,147.02(1) (a):

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Bluestem, Big	Fescue, Hard	Wheatgrass, Beardless
Bluestem, Little	Fescue, Sheep	Wheatgrass, Crested
Bluestem, Sand	Grama, Blue	Wheatgrass,
Bluestem, Yellow	Grama, Sideoats	Intermediate
Buffalograss	Indiangrass	Wheatgrass, Pubescent
Bluegrass, Kentucky	Lovegrass, Sand	Wheatgrass, Slender
Bentgrass, Colonial	Needlegrass, Green	Wheatgrass,
Bentgrass, Creeping	Orchardgrass	Streambank
Brome, Smooth	Ryegrass, Annual	Wheatgrass, Tall
Dropseed, Sand	Ryegrass, Perennial	Wheatgrass,
Fescue, Red	Sandreed, Prairie	Thickspike
Fescue, Tall	Switchgrass	Wheatgrass, Western
Fescue, Chewings	Timothy	Wildrye, Canada

005.03 For agricultural and vegetable seeds labeled, packaged, and sold in hermetically sealed containers, the 9-month or 12-month limitation of date of test in section 81-2,147.03(1)(a) is extended. The germination test for agricultural and vegetable seeds labeled, packaged, and sold in hermetically sealed containers shall have been completed within a 36-month period exclusive of the calendar month in which the test was completed, if the following conditions are met:

005.03A The seed was packaged within nine months after harvest;

005.03B The container used does not allow water vapor penetration through any wall, including the seals, greater than 0.05 grams of water per 24 hours per 100 square inches of surface at 100 degrees F. with a relative humidity on one side of 90 percent and on the other side of 0.00 percent. Water vapor penetration or WVP is measured by the standards of the National Institute of Standards and Technology as:

WVP = gm. H₂O/24 hr/100 sq. in/100°F/90% RH V.0% RH

005.03C The seed in the container used does not exceed the percentage of moisture, on a wet weight basis, as listed below:

005.03C(1) Agricultural Seeds.

<u>Kind</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Beet, field	7.5
Beet, sugar	7.5
Bluegrass, Kentucky	6.0

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Clover, crimson	8.0
Fescue, red	8.0
Ryegrass, annual	8.0
Ryegrass, perennial	8.0
All others	6.0
Mixtures of the above	8.0

005.03C(2) Vegetable Seeds.

<u>Kind</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Kind</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Bean, garden	7.0	Leek	6.5
Bean, lima	7.0	Lettuce	5.5
Beet	7.5	Muskmelon	6.0
Broccoli	5.0	Mustard, India	5.0
Brussell Sprouts	5.0	Onion	6.5
Cabbage	5.0	Onion, Welsh	6.5
Carrot	7.0	Parsley	6.5
Cauliflower	5.0	Parsnip	6.0
Celeriac	7.0	Pea	7.0
Celery	7.0	Pepper	4.5
Chard, Swiss	7.5	Pumpkin	6.0
Chinese Cabbage	5.0	Radish	5.0
Chives	6.5	Rutabaga	5.0
Collards	5.0	Spinach	8.0
Corn, sweet	8.0	Squash	6.0
Cucumber	6.0	Tomato	5.5
Eggplant	6.0	Turnip	5.0
Kale	5.0	Watermelon	6.5
Kohlrabi	5.0	All others	6.0

005.03D The container is conspicuously labeled in not less than eight-point type to indicate:

005.03D(1) That the seed is hermetically sealed;

005.03D(2) That the seed has been preconditioned as to moisture content; and

005.03D(3) The calendar month and year in which the germination test was completed as well as all labeling information required in section 81-2,147.02 of the Nebraska Seed Law.

005.03E The percentage of germination of seed at the time of packaging was equal to or above the standards specified elsewhere in the law;

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005.03F Adequate records are kept, giving the percent moisture of the seed at the time of packaging; and

005.03G Hermetically sealed seed is not repackaged and relabeled as hermetically sealed seed unless it meets all conditions for seeds packaged in hermetically sealed containers including 005.03A above.

006 Enforcement Orders. Three enforcement orders to be used in administering the provisions of the law and this rule shall be stop sale orders, relabel to comply orders, and minor violation warning orders. A description of the utilization of each order follows:

006.01 Stop sale orders shall be issued with respect to the following:

006.01A Products found to be outside of tolerance with respect to germination.

006.01B Products found to be outside of tolerance with respect to weed seed and Nebraska noxious weed seed.

006.01C Products found to be double or more out of tolerance with respect to pure seed, crop seed, inert matter, or coating material.

006.01D Products found to bear an expired test date, date of expiration, sell by, or year packed for date.

006.01E Products found to be outside of tolerance with respect to Pure Live Seed (PLS).

006.01F Products labeled by a person in violation of, not labeled in accordance with, or products causing any person to be in violation of the Nebraska Seed Law.

006.02 Relabel to comply orders shall be issued with respect to the following:

006.02A All products found to be in violation of the labeling provisions of the law, so long as the labeling violations are the only violations found, and so long as the labeling violations are not of a type having an affect on the quality of the seed; or

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006.02B Products found to be less than double out of tolerance but more than one-half of one percent out of tolerance with respect to pure seed, crop seed, inert matter, or coating material.

006.03 Minor violation warning orders shall be issued with respect to products found to be less than or equal to one-half of one percent out of tolerance with respect to purity, crop seed, inert matter, or coating material.

006.04 A stop sale order shall mean that the products covered thereby cannot be sold until the order has been officially released. A stop sale order may be released on all agricultural, vegetable, and flower seed upon compliance with the terms of the act. The director may issue a release from a stop sale order when satisfied that:

006.04A The seed has been relabeled to comply with official test findings and a copy of the new label or tag has been furnished the Department, or

006.04B The seed has been reconditioned, an official sample taken, a new official test completed, and labeled with the new official test results, or

006.04C The seed has been returned to the supplier marked, "NOT FOR SALE" or similarly identified as not available to any purchaser by sale, trade, or exchange.

006.05 A relabel to comply order shall specify the relabeling required within 14 days of such order, unless an extension of time is sought and obtained from the Department for good cause shown.

006.06 A minor violation warning order shall not require any specific actions to be taken, but shall constitute notice of deficiencies needing future corrective actions.

007 Bulk Labeling Requirements. When agricultural, vegetable, or flower seed is sold in bulk or sold from bulk bins or containers, the seller may supply the purchaser with a printed or written statement in lieu of the attached label or tag. In addition, the printed or written statement shall contain all the required labeling information and caution or process statements required by the Nebraska Seed Law and these

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regulations promulgated thereunder. In such cases, the seller's liability for labeling and tagging shall cease upon delivery of the seed and written statement.

008 Adopt Rules for Testing Seeds. The official methods and tolerances adopted by the Association of Official Seed Analysts, entitled "Rules for Testing Seeds," which includes the Seedling Evaluation Handbook and the Uniform Classification of Weed and Crop Seeds and the methods of inspecting, handling and sampling of all seeds as published by the Association of American Seed Control Officials in the Handbook for Seed Inspectors, provided such publications are not in conflict with the Nebraska Seed Law, shall be the official methods and tolerances of the Nebraska Department of Agriculture for the methods of inspecting, handling and sampling all seeds, the methods of examining, analyzing and testing seed samples in the laboratory and the methods of computing tolerances of purity analyses, germination tests, tetrazolium (TZ) test, and Pure Live Seed (PLS) and rates of occurrence of noxious weed seeds. Section 5.5 of the Rules for Testing Seeds shall be utilized when computing tolerances for percentages of Pure Live Seed (PLS) and tetrazolium (TZ). A copy of these publications are attached hereto as Appendix A and incorporated herein by reference and are hereby adopted and promulgated and may be used.

009 Noxious Weed Seed Labeling. In all sampling conducted by the laboratory, the official report shall include the seed of globe-podded hoary cress (*Hymenophysa pubescens*), lens-podded hoary cress (*Lepidium draba* var. *repens*), all bursage (*Ambrosia* species), and all morning glory (*Ipomea* species when found in field crop seed) within the definition of prohibited noxious weed seed and the classification shall be as prohibited noxious weed seed. In addition, the following interpretation shall be used:

009.01 The term "dodder" (*Cuscuta* spp.) shall be interpreted as seed of all species of dodder, when found in agricultural seeds.

009.02 The term "wild mustard" (*Brassica* spp.) shall be interpreted as Indian mustard (*Brassica Juncea*), Charlock (*Brassica arvensis*), black mustard (*Brassica nigra*), bird rape (*Brassica campestris*) and all other members of the wild mustard (*Brassica*) species when occurring incidentally in agricultural seeds.

009.03 The term "dock" (*Rumex* spp.) shall be interpreted as curled dock (*Rumex crispus*), smoothleaf dock (*Rumex altissimus*), winged dock (*Rumex venosus*), red sorrel

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(Rumex acetocells), and seed of all other members of the dock (Rumex), species which may incidentally occur in agricultural seeds.

010 Testing Categories and Fees. Service testing categories and fees are as follows:

010.01 Seed Species by Category.

010.01A Category 1: Barley, Flax, Oats, Rye, Sorghum, Sudangrass, Sunflower, Triticale, Wheat, Buckwheat, and Spelt

010.01B Category 2: Field Beans (Dry Edible), Soybeans

010.01C Category 3: Field Corn, Popcorn

010.01D Category 4: Alfalfa, Clovers, Crownvetch, Field Peas, Rape (Canola), Trefoil

010.01E Category 5: Lespedeza, Millet, Vetch, Crambe, Safflower

010.01F Category 6: Alkali Sacaton, Bentgrass, Bluegrass, Fescues, Orchardgrass, Redtop, Reed Canarygrass, Ryegrass, Timothy, Whitetop

010.01G Category 7: Meadow Brome, Wheatgrass spp. (except Western), Wildrye spp., Smooth Brome

010.01H Category 8: Buffalograss, Green Needlegrass^c, Indian Ricegrass, Prairie Dropseed, Sand Dropseed, Sand Lovegrass, Switchgrass, Western Wheatgrass, Sugar Beets, Eastern Gamagrass

010.01I Category 9: Blue Grama, Cordgrass, Prairie Sandreed, Foxtail spp., Side-Oats Grama

010.01J Category 10^d: Bluestem spp., Indiangrass

010.01K Category 11: Tree and Shrubs, Flowers, Wildflowers, Native Forbs, Weeds

010.01L Category 12: Vegetables and Herbs

010.02 Testing fees for categories are as follows:

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<u>Category</u>	<u>Purity^a</u>	<u>Germination^a</u>	<u>Nebraska Noxious^a</u>	<u>Complete^a</u>	<u>Tetrazolium (TZ) ^{a b}</u>
1	\$ 9.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 22.00
2	\$ 8.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 22.00
3	\$ 8.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 22.00
4	\$ 11.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 23.00
5	\$ 11.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 23.00
6	\$ 12.00	\$ 19.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 26.00
7	\$ 15.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 26.00
8	\$ 16.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 30.00
9	\$ 36.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 72.00	\$ 30.00
10	\$ 67.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 10.00	\$102.00	\$ 30.00
11	\$ 25/hr.	\$ 25/hr.	\$ 25/hr.	\$ 25/hr.	\$ 25/hr.
12	\$ 9.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 27.00	\$ 23.00

+ Germination

^a In lieu of the above, all mixtures will be charged at the rate of \$25.00 for each hour for any separation including purity, Nebraska noxious weed, or both, plus the germination, TZ or both, cost for each kind. In addition to the above, when samples contain excess foreign material, or are difficult, a charge of \$25.00 for each hour will be made for the extra examination time required if samples are accepted by the lab for testing.

^b Includes Preliminary Report by fax or mail.

^c Germination tests of Green Needlegrass only = \$35 for each sample.

010.03 Other tests, fees, and requests, as explained below are as follows:

010.03A Rush. Samples submitted for analysis are normally tested in the order in which they are received. The request for a Rush Test will give that sample first testing priority ahead of other samples received previously except other rush test samples. Extra cost per sample: When regular charge is \$20.00 or less, add \$5.00. When regular charge is over \$20.00, but less than \$40.00, add \$7.00. When regular charge is \$40.00 or more, add one-fourth (25%) of the regular sample charge.

010.03B Examination for Annual Bluegrass (Poa annua). Cost: \$25.00 for each hour.

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010.03C Cold Test (Corn, Soybeans) - Standard germination not included. Cost: \$15.00.

010.03D Stress Test (Accelerated Aging) - for carryover seed, includes standard germination test. Cost: \$30.00. (Complete plus Stress Test: \$38.00).

010.03E All States Noxious Weed Examination. Cost: \$5.00 plus Nebraska noxious weed price. (Excessively weedy samples - \$25 for each hour.)

010.03F Seed Count (Cereals, Soybeans). Cost: \$6.00 per sample examined.

010.03G Special Tests. Sweetclover Species Purity Test, Corn Fast Green Test, Soybean Hypochlorite Soak Test, and Cut/Fill Test. Cost: \$25 for each hour.

010.03H Weed Examinations for other countries. Cost: \$25 for each hour.

010.03I Sand Test. Cost: Germination Price plus \$4.00 for each sample.

010.03J International Seed Testing Association or Canadian Rules Tests. Cost \$25 for each hour.

010.03K Moisture Test. Cost: \$4.00 for each sample.

011 Labeling of Seeds as Percentage of Pure Live Seed. The following kinds of agricultural seed may be labeled as to the percentage of Pure Live Seed (PLS) as prescribed in section 81-2,147.02(9):

Bluestem, Big	Sandreed, Prairie
Bluestem, Little	Switchgrass
Bluestem, Sand	Wheatgrass, Crested
Bluestem, Yellow	Wheatgrass, Beardless
Dropseed, Sand	Wheatgrass, var. Intermediate or
Buffalograss	var. Pubescent
Grama, Blue	Wheatgrass, Slender
Grama, Sideoats	Wheatgrass, Streambank
Indiangrass	Wheatgrass, Tall
Lovegrass, Sand	Wheatgrass, Thickspike
Needlegrass, Green	Wheatgrass, Western
Ricegrass, Indian	

012 Seeds Labeled Variety Not Stated. The following kinds of agricultural seeds are generally labeled as to variety and shall be labeled to show the variety name or the words "Variety Not Stated," or "VNS":

Alfalfa	Millet, Proso
Bahiagrass	Oat
Barley	Pea, field
Bean, field	Peanut
Beet, field	Rape
Brome, Smooth	Rice
Broomcorn	Rye
Clover, crimson	Safflower
Clover, red	Sorghum
Clover, white	Sorghum-Sudangrass
Corn, field	Hybrid
Corn, pop	Soybean
Cotton	Sudangrass
Cowpea	Sunflower
Crambe	Tobacco
Fescue, Tall	Trefoil, birdsfoot
Flax	Triticale
Lespedeza, striate	Wheat, common
Millet, foxtail	Wheat, durum
Millet, Pearl	

When two or more varieties are present in excess of five per cent (5%) and are named on the label, the names of each variety in excess of five percent (5%) shall be accompanied by the percentage of each.

013 Labeling of Kind or Kind and Variety of Seed. The name of a kind or kind and variety of seed and any descriptive terms pertaining thereto shall be correctly represented in any advertisement of seed.

013.01 Name of Kind or Kind and Variety. The representation of the name of a kind or kind and variety of seed in any advertisement subject to the act shall be confined to the name of the kind or kind and variety determined in accordance with Section 81-2,147.01. The name shall not have associated therewith words or terms that create a misleading impression as to the history or characteristics of the kind or kind and variety. Descriptive terms and firm names may be used in kind or variety names; Provided, that the descriptive terms or firm names are a part of the name of the kind or variety of seed; for example, Stringless Green Pod, Detroit Dark Red, Black Seed Simpson and Henderson Bush Lima. Seed shall not be designated as hybrid seed in any

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advertisement subject to the act unless it comes within the definition of "Hybrid" in Section 81-2,147.01.

013.02 Characteristics of Kind or Variety. Terms descriptive as to color, shape, size, habit of growth, disease resistance, or other characteristics of the kind or variety, may be associated with the name of the kind or variety; provided, that it is done in a manner which clearly indicates the descriptive term is not part of the name of the kind or variety; for example, Oshkosh pepper (yellow), Copenhagen Market (round head) cabbage, and Kentucky Wonder pole bean.

013.03 Description of Quality and Origin. Terms descriptive of quality or origin and terms descriptive of the basis for representations made may be associated with the name of the kind or variety of seed; Provided, that the terms are clearly identified as being other than part of the name of the kind or variety; for example, Blue Tag Gem Barley, Idaho Origin Alfalfa, and Grower's Affidavit of Variety Atlas Sorghum.

013.04 Description of Manner of Production or Conditioning. Terms descriptive of the manner or method of production or conditioning the seed may be shown; for example, certified, registered, delinted, scarified, treated, and hulled, may be associated with the name of the kind or variety of seed, providing such terms are not misleading.

013.05 Separation of Brand Names from Kind and Variety Names. Brand names and terms taken from trademarks may be associated with name of the kind and variety or mixtures of kinds or blends of varieties of seed as an indication of source; Provided, that the terms are clearly indicated as being other than part of the name of the kind and variety, mixture or blend; for example, Valley Brand Blend 15 Alfalfa VNS, or River Brand Golden Cross Corn VNS. Seed shall not be advertised under a trademark or brand name in any manner that may create the impression that the trademark or brand name is a variety name.

014 Seed Allowing 4% Weed Seed. The following kinds of agricultural seeds may not contain more than four percent (4%) by weight of weed seed of which not more than one-half of one percent ($\frac{1}{2}$ of 1%) may be restricted noxious weed seed as prescribed in section 81-2,147.03(1)(f). No mixture of any

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such seed may qualify for this exemption unless the total pure seed by weight of the seeds listed in this section is greater than 50% of the total pure seed by weight:

Bluestem, Big
Bluestem, Little
Bluestem, Sand
Bluestem, Yellow
Grama, Blue
Grama, Sideoats
Indiangrass
Sandreed, Prairie

015 Definition of Terms.

015.01 The definitions of terms contained in the Nebraska Seed Law shall apply to such terms when used in these regulations.

015.02 The definitions listed in the Official Definitions adopted and published by the Association of American Seed Control Officials attached hereto as Appendix B incorporated herein by reference, which do not conflict with the Nebraska Seed Law, shall apply to such terms when used in these regulations.

015.03 Nebraska noxious weed means weeds from primary noxious weed seeds, prohibited noxious weed seeds, and restricted noxious weed seeds.

015.04 Tolerance means an allowance that variation may reasonably be expected in results obtained from different laboratory analysis tests of the same lot of seed. Tolerances are applied when comparing one laboratory analysis test result with another or to a seed analysis label statement or claim. They are for the protection for the seed labeler and shall not be used to show higher quality on the label than is indicated by an actual laboratory test.

016 Administration. These regulations shall be administered by the Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Plant Industry, located in the State Office Building, Fourth Floor, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. The mailing address is P.O. Box 94756, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-4756. The telephone number is (402) 471-2394.

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017 Publications Adopted. See Appendix A and Appendix B.

018 Annotation. Neb. Rev. Stat. §§81-2,147 to 81-2,147.11
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